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SUBJECT: IEA: SWEDISH ADHERENCE TO LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAM

REF: (A) OSLO 953, (B) STOCKHOLM 796

1. GOS IN ADHERING TO LONG-GERM PROGRAM SUGGESTED WITH RESPECT TO MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) THAT USE OF CONSUMPTION TAX MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN ANNEX AMONG ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF MEETING MSP REQUIREMENT. THIS SUGGESTION WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.
 2. GOS THEREFORE HAS EXPLORED POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING A TARIFF OR A LEVY ON OIL IMPORTS TO MEET MSP REQUIREMENT BUT HAS CONCLUDED CURRENT LEGISLATION DOES NOT PERMIT THIS. THUS, GOS ANTICIPATES INTRODUCTION OF A BILL IN PARLIAMENT THIS SPRING TO OBTAIN NECESSARY AUTHORITY. TIMING OF BILL INTRODUCTION IS UNCERTAIN BUT PREPARATIONS
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ARE UNDERWAY, ACCORDING TO MFA/COMMERCE ENERGY OFFICER

JAN OLANDER. SOURCE ADDED SWEDEN ALREADY HAS A HIGH CONSUMPTION TAX AND IT WOULD HOPE TO CONTINUE IT; ALSO, THE PROSPECT OF \$7.00 MSP BEING TRIGGERED APPEARED UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME.

3. COMMENT. CURRENT GOS POSITION IS THAT IT WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT MSP IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNING BOARD'S AGREED CRITERIA.
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